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PLAY ALONG!

Today's paper also contains a puzzle. When you see this compass, it means you've found a clue!





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A lover of TV ... and other things



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If Chicago weather were a celebrity, it would be ...

Wagner: Naomi Campbell. You never know what sheor the weather-will do.

Serrano: Elin Woods. Hits you without warning! (Too soon?)

Ryan Justice (@rsjustice): Oprah. It seems fitting since both can shut down traffic on Michigan Avenue.



How would you get your CTA bus driver off the phone?

Wagner: As long as he quickly gets me to where I'm going, he can talk on my cell.

Serrano: Nothing short of setting off Chinese fireworks on the bus ever works for me.

Paul Templer (@aaax): Send them a text message ... they'll have to get off the phone to type the reply, right?



Twitter trending topic: Name one thing you see happening #in2010.

Wagner: Tiger Woods will get divorced.

Serrano: I will shave, put on a wig and enter a Tina Fey look-alike contest.

Paige Worthy (@paigeworthy): More stupid hashtags, for one.



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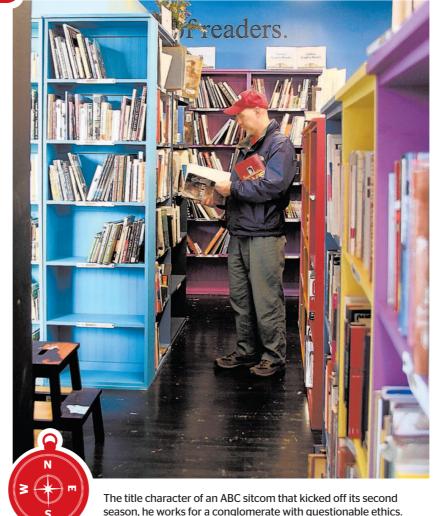
On the agenda: Open Books, 213 W. Institute Pl., 312-475-1355; open-books.org

A novel idea

Check it out if you ... want to stock up on some reading material to prepare for your winter hibernation, have been looking for something to do with all the books taking up space on your shelves, feel better about shopping when your money goes to a good cause.

The deets: Since opening Nov. 21, Open Books has been selling an eclectic mix of used books to raise money for literacy programs run in classrooms above the shop. The store holds between 50,000 and 60,000 titles and receives between 10,000 and 11,000 new books each month from donors around the world, so the inventory is constantly changing. Customers can drop off books in a bin during the regular store hours of 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, though you should call ahead if you're planning a big delivery. The shop also plans to use its upstairs space for events for the general public, such as readings, author panels and independent film screenings. Most of the staff members are volunteers and they're always looking for more people to help out.

The payoff: Sharing books you love with others while finding something new.



THE GAMER Who's playing at home Bulls vs. Boston 7 p.m. Saturday, United Center Bears vs. Green Bay Noon Sunday.

Sai

'Dance Your Ass Off' casting call

Loop

Looking to lose some weight? Try out for the second season of the Oxygen show in which contestants team up with professional dancers to exercise through performing. 10 a.m. Warehouse behind the Symphony Center, 218 S. Wabash Ave. Free.

Holiday Art Sale

West Town

Browse props, costumes, posters and more from 20 years of Redmoon Theater productions. 7:30 p.m. Redmoon

Central, 1463 W. Hubbard St. 312-850-8440. Free.

Chicago Bluegrass and Blues Festival

Logan Square

The second annual shindig features local and national acts on three stages with comedy and marching band performances during breaks. BYO instruments for a lobby open jam throughout the day. Performers include Bela Fleck & the Flecktones, Dr. Dog, Emmitt-Nershi Band, Eddy "The Chief"

Clearwater and more. Also includes short films, raffles and a live art exhibition. 11 a.m. Congress Theatre, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-1235. \$35 (Kids 12 and under free).

A Jazz Nativity

Lakeview

A pet-friendly Christmas concert (4 p.m.) features local musicians.
Additional festivities include a holiday bazaar and pet blessing (3:30 p.m.), plus the chance to meet adoptable animals. 3 p.m.
St. Luke Church,
1500 W. Belmont Ave.
773-472-3383. Free.

Get Gorgeous Holiday Shopping Party

West Loop

Browse dresses and accessories from Akira while sipping \$5 mimosas and martinis. VIP tickets (\$25) include a one-hour pole dancing class, a manicure, hair styling and a gift bag. 10 a.m. Flirty Girl Fitness, 1325 W. Randolph St. 312-666-2266. Free-\$25.

Hanukkah celebration with Sara Paretsky and Libby Fischer Hellman

Andersonville

The authors read short excerpts from their newest

books, "Hardball" and "Doubleback," respectively, and sign copies. Includes a menorah lighting, champagne and latkes. 5:30 p.m. Women & Children First, 5233 N. Clark St. 773-769-9299. Free.

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Rudolph Ramble

Lincoln Park

More than 1,200 participants are expected to join the 10th annual 8K run and walk. Includes a long-sleeved technical shirt for the first 1,500 people to register, a raffle and a kids' dash. Registration and toy donation collection begins at 7 a.m. 9 a.m. Lincoln Park, 2650 N. Cannon Drive. 773-404-2372. \$30-\$35; \$12-\$15 for kids ages 2-12.

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Bucktown Holiday ArtShow

Bucktown

Browse crafts and gifts created by more than 100 local and national artists at the 11th annual holiday art show, billed as Chicago's largest, continuously running event of its kind. Items include watercolors. photography, jewelry and more. Includes a silent auction. 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Holstein Park Fieldhouse, 2200 N. Oakley Ave. \$2.

Tidings of Tap

University Village

Soldier Field

6 p.m. Sunday,

United Center

Blackhawks

vs. Tampa Bay

Chicago Tap Theatre celebrates Christmas, Hanukkah and the winter season with performances of new and repertory works set to hip-hop rhythms created by two beatboxing nutcrackers, music by Joni Mitchell, traditional holiday songs and more. 8 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday, UIC Theatre. 1044 W. Harrison St. 800-838-3006. \$30; \$18 for students.

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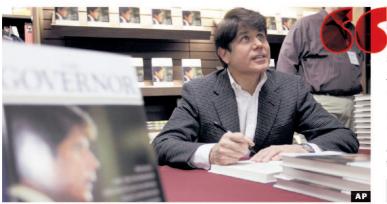
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Always remember the rule of law is sacrosanct, nay it is more—it is fn golden."

 Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's note written on a copy of the U.S. Constitution for a student during a book signing Tuesday on the University of Chicago campus

Heat index

RedEye takes the temperature of current events



Cold snapEven the parking boxes froze



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Tiger Woods drama Not going away

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Thrill of the HUNT

All the city's a puzzle for scavenger competitions

By Kent Green

FOR REDEYE

Katie Hawkey's head snapped up when she saw the tall clock. She pointed upward toward it, then beckoned her friend to her side.

Hawkey wasn't late for a very important date. Nor was she seeing Big Ben for the first time. No, "Tall Clock"—actually a mahogany grandfather clock from 1912—was an exhibit and the solution to a clue in a scavenger hunt at the Art Institute of Chicago.

"Oh, yeah. 'Tall Clock' is 'Time stands tall,' " the 27-year-old Albany Park resident said, repeating the clue to her teammate.

"The thing that I really like about scavenger hunts—especially ones that are riddle-based—is that feeling of things falling into place and you *know* that you have the right answer when it's the right answer," she said.

That quest for scavenger hunt satisfaction is becoming increasingly popular for puzzles lovers who would rather spend a couple of hours matching wits and brawn with living, breathing, strategizing foes than grind out a six-star Sudoku all by their lonesome. Athletic, intellectual or, in some extreme cases, physically impossible, the competitions are limited only by the imaginations of their creators.

An intrinsic desire for intellectual challenge paired with the popularity of competitive reality shows such as "Amazing Race" and "Survivor" have escalated the demand for scavenger hunts in Chicago and nationwide, said Bret Watson, founder of Watson Adventures, a company that organizes private hunts such as corporate team-building exercises as well as public hunts that often are designed around themes such as a murder mystery.

"They say, 'I don't just want to sit back and have stuff come at me. I grew up on Indiana Jones. Give me a chance to be Indiana Jones in my own world, in my own city, in my favorite museum, whatever,' "Watson said.

Chicago's large number of museums, rich architecture and diverse sculptures make the city a prime hunting ground, Watson said.

"There's lots of stuff people go by and don't

TAKE THE REDEYE CHALLENGE!

Did you read your RedEyes this week? We hope so, because we've got a brain teaser to get your weekend started—and the answers all come from stories that were in the newspaper! The first person to solve the puzzle and e-mail the correct answer to **redeyetalk@gmail.com** with "**redeyepuzzle**" in the subject line gets a surprise. The solutions and winner will be posted Monday at **redeyechicago.com**.



Here's how it works

1. Find four clues hidden in today's paper. They will be denoted by the compass icon you see to the left.

2. Solve the riddles.

3. Arrange the first letter from each solution to make a

four-letter word that is relevant to this story. **4.** What are you waiting for? Get to solving!

pause to look at," he said.

How popular are these events? Attendance at Watson's public hunts through October grew 28 percent nationwide over last year, he said.

Participation in the Chicago stop of City Chase USA, a scavenger hunt and adventure competition that stages races across the country, has increased from 400 teams in 2007 to an expected 1,000 to 1,200 teams when it returns to the Windy City in August, making Chicago the most popular destination on the tour, director Carina Holtby said.

With challenges that range from rappelling to persuading strangers to sit in a dunk tank, competitions such as City Chase USA are perfect for "active, urban [people] looking for something to do, athletic-wise, that isn't in the gym," Holtby said.

Chicago's museums also are tapping into public interest in brain teasers.

The Museum of Contemporary Art is featur-

ing a "Hide and Seek" exhibit, which tests visitors by challenging them not only to spot nontraditional works of art, but also by locating the art in non-traditional places. Meanwhile, the Art Institute is challenging the public with its 500 Ways of Looking at Modern Art project, in which it has hidden 500 red boxes around the city and tweeted clues for the public to find them.

Even celebrities are getting in on the puzzle action. Pro skateboarder Tony Hawk, NBA star Shaquille O'Neal and musician Katy Perry all have been known to use their Twitter accounts to tweet clues that lead fans to hidden event tickets and other prizes.

Perhaps one of the most unique events in the scavenger hunt world is the epic University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt. Founded in 1987, Scav Hunt, as it's known to participants, runs over four days and involves more than 1,000 people. In 2009, the hunt asked its competitors to locate 277 items ranging from the absurd—"a barbershop quartet that weighs one ton"—to the impossible—"have a male member of your team take a pregnancy test and yield a positive result."

It's all in good fun, the key to any successful event, said Scav Hunt judge Emily Watkins, 21.

"It's nice to have a break," she said. "To not be worried about classes, but to be worried about finding someone in Illinois who owns a DeLorean."

For Hawkey, who was part of the Art Institute event last month, the motivation to join her first scavenger hunt boiled down to one key factor: competition.

"I saw the words 'scavenger hunt' and I had to come," said Hawkey, who along with her teammate solved all six clues in little more than five minutes. "It just awoke a need to win in me." KENT GREEN IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



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Mimi Olson peers at artwork while on the hunt for clues at the Art Institute.

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5 CLUES TO SUCCESS

Scavenger hunts seem simple enough: One, get the list ... Two, find the stuff on the list ...

If only it were that easy. To help set us straight, RedEye collected these five tips for scav success from the experts. K.G.

Know your team

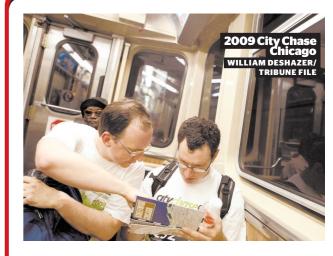
Identify not only teammates you can work with, but also people who will compensate for your weaknesses, advises Carina Holtby of City Chase USA. For example, if you're terrible with maps, make sure you recruit a good navigator.

As in any competition, you need the right equipment to succeed. Depending on the event, Holtby suggests considering good running shoes, a smart phone and a GPS device.

Pelegate
You'll be more
efficient if you spread
the work out among
your team members,
says Emily Watkins,
judge of the University
of Chicago Scavenger
Hunt. But make sure you
keep track of who's doing
what—otherwise, you'll
have multiple teammates
working on the same
tasks.

Remain calm
If you make a
mistake, don't lose
your cool. "Emotions
will slow you down,"
says Maricel Olaru, who
competes in orienteering
(think a scavenger hunt
using a compass and
map—not clues—to find
checkpoints).

bon't get too focused on winning, Watkins advises. "It's easy to get caught up in the competitive aspects of a scavenger hunt and to forget the fact that you're hunting is because it's ridiculous fun," she says.



A MAP TO THE HOTTEST HUNTS

Just because it's cold outside doesn't mean hunters are out of luck—the contests just move inside! The "Hide and Seek" exhibit at the Museum of Contemporary Art mixes a self-paced hunt with art exploration, and Watson Adventures hosts two to three themed public hunts a month. Here is a quick rundown of Chicago hunts scheduled for winter and beyond. K.G.

ONGOING Hide and Seek

Through June 30; mcachicago.org

Embark on a leisurely, noncompetitive hunt through an exhibit featuring everyday objects as art. Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago, 312-280-2660. Free with admission.

COMING SOON

The Murder at the Art Museum Scavenger Hunt

Dec. 19 and Jan. 16; watsonadventures.com

Clues lead participants in this adults-only competition to different works of art and, eventually, to the solution to a "murder" most foul.

Art Institute of Chicago, 111
S. Michigan. \$32.50. Visit the Web site for details on a number of other adult-oriented hunts in the city.

SPRING/SUMMER 2010 University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt

Date TBA; scavhunt.uchicago.edu

The hundreds of cryptic clues on this hunt test even the brightest students' brains. Non-students can participate only if one of the teams asks for your help.

High Trek Adventure

Date TBA; hightrekadventure.com

An urban race that will challenge your trivia knowledge with questions such as, "Which Chicago restaurant has the same name as the '90s movie for which Geoffrey Rush won Best Actor?" (Answer: "Shine"). Your physical skills will be tested too, possibly by having to bowl a strike or by hitting the bull's-eye in a darts game.

The Great Urban Race

July 24; greaturbanrace.com

This challenge will take 650 teams of two through neighborhoods including Chinatown, Lincoln Park, Wrigleyville and the Loop, requiring them to find specific landmarks and complete tasks.

City Chase Chicago

August; citychaseusa.com

Past challenges of this urban race have included convincing a non-Cubs fan to sit in a dunk tank outside of Wrigley Field and rappelling down one of the towers at Navy Pier. Registration begins in February.

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WHAT'S HOT THIS WEEKEND

BY LISA BALDE

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GET | T Cold-weather deals

'Hood: Lincoln Park

Low temps can score you great deals this weekend at **Zella** (1983 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-549-2910). Here's how it works: Bring a canned food donation to the bar through Sunday and you'll qualify for temperature-driven burger and sandwich prices. If the temperature hovers in the 30s, all burgers and sammies cost \$3 (regularly \$7-\$9). If temps drop to the 20s or under, sammies and patties cost \$2. Zella will drop off all donations to Chicagoarea food banks.

When: Through Sunday

Cash: No cover

SHOP IT The Holiday Show

'Hood: North Center

Not done shopping? Knock out your list at **Architectural Artifacts** (4325 N. Ravenswood Ave. 773-263-5882), hosting another year of pottery, paintings, jewelry and home decor up for auction by 75-plus artists. Considering this place feels like a goldmine of hidden treasures on a normal day, imagine the scavenger hunt you'll find during an event like this. Peruse the auction in the atrium, then head into the store for sale discounts. Silent auction earnings benefit the Chicago Park District.

When: 10 a.m. Sunday

Cash: No cover

CATCH IT Hot-comics performance

'Hood-Lakeview

Couldn't get tickets to this weekend's 50th anniversary alumni shows at Second City? (See **metromix.com** for the full list of alumni events; maybe you'll spy Steve Carell or Stephen Colbert on the street.) Look to the next generation of funny-people during "Make Chai Not War," a comedy revue featuring up-and-coming acts at **Lakeshore Theater** (3175 N. Broadway. 773-472-3492). Don't miss performances by Rajiv "Your High-Brow, Fun-Size Comedian" Satyal, New Yorkbased Hari Kondabolu and Chicago's own Hannibal Buress, who recently made headlines after being hired to write for "Saturday Night Live." Someday you'll be telling your pals you saw these comics before they were famous.

When: 6 and 9 p.m. Sunday

Cash: \$25



WEAR IT Your ugly holiday sweater

'Hood: Lakeview

Crocheted Santa Claus heads, electric reindeer noses and iron-on snowflakes, unite! If it's tacky and in sweater form, wear it to **Sheffield's** (3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989) on Sunday. Bring along a canned food item or a coat to donate, and that heinous sweater of yours could stand to win you some very un-heinous prizes, such as tickets to the Black Keys' New Year's Eve concert, Magic Hat Brewing merch and 2010 Cubs tickets. Another win-win: Watch the Bears-Packers game while drinking pints of



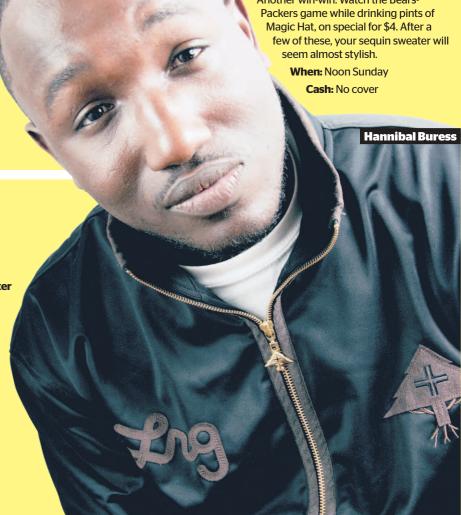
DRINK IT Holiday and seasonal beer

'Hoods: Sheffield/DePaul, West Town

Below-zero wind chills mandate a drink. Lucky for us, there's seasonal beer to keep us warm. On Saturday, choose tastes from 100-plus brews during the 11th annual **Christmas & Winter Beer Tasting at Delilah's** (2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771). Try a six-year vertical of Anchor Steam's Christmas Ale, plus this season's batch of Holiday Spice Lager from Lakefront Brewery, Three Floyds Alpha Klaus porter and lots more. On Sunday, try a more paced sampling of beers from Belgium's La Cuvee des Trolls during the latest **Brew Master Series at the Publican** (837 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-9555). Four blond ales complement a four-course dinner matching Avec Les Bons Voeux with stuffed tagliatelle and Scaldis Prestige de Nuits amber ale with a duo of goose leg confit and smoked breast. Hungry yet? There's gingersnap cake for dessert.

When: Noon-5 p.m. Saturday (Delilah's) and 5-10 p.m. Sunday (The Publican); reservations required for The Publican

Cash: \$20 (Delilah's); \$45, additional \$25 for beer pairings (The Publican)



Best brunch COCKTAILS OF '09

Bv M. Kathleen Pratt

A cocktail list—both its quality and its mere existence—is a good indicator of a restaurant's dedication to brunch. Anyone can throw a little OJ and cut-rate bubbly into a glass. Not everyone takes the time to concoct something special. In a sea of straight-from-the-can bloody mary mixes, these thoughtful libations stood out in 2009.

Sunday Morning, \$9

A simple flute of prosecco, stonefruit puree and orange bitters redefined Sunday mornings for us when Pilsen's Nightwood (2119 S. Halsted St. 312-526-3385) debuted brunch back in August. We'll never settle for a standard bellini again after sampling this blissful upgrade. Brunch: 9 a.m.-

2:30 p.m. Sunday

Red Snapper, \$10

This aptly named teguila- and tomatobased eye-opener from Streeterville's C-House (166 E. Superior St. 312-523-0923) has serious bite and far more complexity than the average bloody maria, thanks in no small part to horseradish, hot sauce, garlic, vinegar powder, Worcestershire and other ferocious flavors.

Brunch: 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Brunch Punch, \$8

Lincoln Park newcomer Gemini Bistro (2075 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2522) surprised us with this sweet (and slightly out-of-character) taste of the tropics. Who knew a hurricane glass brimming with flavored rums and fruit juices was just what we wanted with our croque madame? Brunch: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday

Publican Mimosa, \$8

The Publican (837 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-9555) forever ended mid-morning beer versus cocktail debates with this spin on the mimosa, which swaps out sparkling wine for 1809 Berliner Weisse, a tart, light German beer that marries perfectly with fresh-squeezed OJ. Brunch: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday

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So bloody good

These three spots top our list of new-in-'09 bloodies

De Cero

814 W. Randolph St. 312-455-8114

Too many spots shy away from spice—not this modern Mexican Randolph Street spot. The bloody mary mix includes spicy mole la pulla: lime juice, oregano, cilantro, and salt and pepper add extra zest.

Cost: \$8

Brunch: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday

Branch 27

1371 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2700

Cheap bloody marys are often nothing more than V-8 and vodka, but this West Town spot reset the bar when it rolled out \$5 bloodies. The house mix gets depth from Worcestershire and kick from horseradish and "secret" spices, and the skewers, threaded with genoa salami, pepper jack cheese, pepperoncini and a green olive are practically a meal.

Cost: \$5

Brunch: On hiatus. Relaunching Jan. 2, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Simone's Bar

960 W. 18th St. 312-666-8601 This artsy Pilsen bar makes its spicer-than-average bloodies with a wasabi-laced mix garnished with Swiss cheese, a homemade cracker and a feta-stuffed olive and served with a beer chaser. Cost: \$7.50

Brunch: 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

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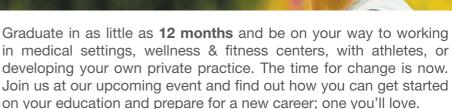
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New "Geneva" is a monster. With Young Widows, Sweet Cobra, Phantom Famly Halo. 9 p.m. Sat. \$12. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

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A lotta local soul. 9 p.m. Sat. \$8. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

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If your listening tastes are tied to the radio. 6 p.m. Sat. \$9.63-\$96.30. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont, 847-635-6601.



CKETBOOTH your on-sale concert guide

SATURDAY

Editors, Antlers,

Monday, Feb. 15 (\$23.50, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

Trevor Hall, **Tomorrows Bad**

Seeds, Saturday, Feb. 13, (\$15, 18+), Sunday, Feb. 14 (\$15, all ages) at Schubas.

John Butler Trio,

Monday, Feb. 15 (\$30, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

Jemina Pearl.

Saturday, Feb. 6 (\$10, 17+) at Beat Kitchen.

ON SALE 11 A.M. **SATURDAY**

Colin Hay, Sunday, May 16 (\$34.50, all ages) at Space.

This Must Be the **Band: Talking Heads** Tribute, Saturday, Feb. 13 (\$12-\$15, all ages)

at Space.

Sara Watkins,

Thursday, March 4 (\$15-\$20, all ages) at Space.

ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

Big Pink, A Place to Bury Strangers,

Saturday, March 20 (\$16, 18+) at Metro.

Black Eyed Peas, Saturday, March 13

(\$49.50-\$89.50, all ages) at United Center.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club,

Thursday, March 25 (\$22.50, 18+) at Metro.

Further.

Tuesday, March 2, Wednesday, March 3 (\$49.50-\$65, all ages) at Auditorium Theatre.

Matthew Good. **Automatic Loveletter,**

Wednesday, March 24 (\$20-\$23, 21+) at Double Door.

Frankie Knuckles, Michael Serafini. Saturday, Feb. 13 (\$10-

\$15, 21+) at Smart Bar. RJD2, Break Science,

Happy Chichester. Saturday, March 13 (\$21-\$25, 18+) at Metro.

Split Lip Rayfield,

Saturday, Feb. 20 (\$12. 21+) at Double Door.

George Thorogood, The Fabulous Thunderbirds.

Saturday, March 27 (\$29-\$39, all ages) at Star Plaza Theater. Merrillville, Ind.

ON SALE NOW

Lewis Black,

Friday, Feb. 12 (\$39.50-\$75, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

Michael Buble,

PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13 R - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian

Saturday, March 27 (\$49.50-\$95, all ages) at Allstate Arena.

Carolina Chocolate

Drops, Sunday, Feb. 28 (\$20, 21+) at Schubas.

Cymbals Eat Guitars, Sunday, April 4 (\$12, 21+)

Ezra Furman,

at Schubas.

Saturday, Jan. 2 (\$10-\$12, all ages) at Space.

Great Big Sea, Friday, March 19, Saturday, March 20 (\$25-\$27, 17+) at House of Blues.

Lisa Lampanelli.

Saturday, Feb. 20 (\$37.75, all ages) at Genesee Theatre, Waukegan.

Rogue Wave, Saturday, April 17

(\$15, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

(\$81 includes open bar and appetizers, 18+) at Abbey Pub.

₹ Handicapped Access ◆ Digital Sound

✓ Dolby Stereo ★ No Passes Hearing - Impaired

3733 N. Southport, Chicago

- The Red Shoes (NR) 2:00,5:00,8:00 Poultrygeist (NR) 12:00 Midnight
- House of Devil (R) 12:00 Midnight
- La Danse (NR) 11:30 A.M. Wizard of Oz (G) 11:30 A.M

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC) 1608 N. Wells, Chicago

Show times change daily

- AMC Select **Boondock II** (R) 11:10,1:50,4:50,7:40,10:25

- The Blues Bros. (R) 11:20,2:15,7:20

888-AMC-4FUN Show times change daily

- 3:30,4:30,5:30,6:30,7:30,8:30,9:30,10:30,11:30

 AMC Select **The Road** (R) 11:05,2:00,5:00,8:00,10:40

- AMC Select Precious: Novel (R) 11:20,2:10,5:00,7:55,10:40
 The Blind Side (PG-13) 10:20,1:35,4:45,7:50,10:45
- 2012 (PG-13) 11:35,3:10,6:40,10:10 C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 11:45,2:20,5:05,7:40,10:20

NC-17 - No one 17 and under admitted

G - General audience PG - Parental guidence suggested

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) 7000 Carperter Rd., Skokie (800) 326-3264 #2309

- Bad Lieutenant (B) ★ 10:00.1:10.4:10.7:10.10:00.12:45
- Pad Lieuteriant (r) ★ 10.00,11.10,4.10,7.10,10.00,12.45 Invictus (PG-13) ★ 9:50,12:20,1:00,3:20,4:00,6:20,7:00,9:20,10:20,12:20 Princess-Frog (6) ★ 9:45,11:20,12:10,1:50,2:40,4:20,5:10,6:50, 7:30,9:10,9:50,11:45

- Printess-Fro(3) * 9.49,11:20,12:10,130,240,4:20,3:10,30,7:30,9:10,9:50,11:45

 Armored (PG-13) * 10:40,1:20,3:45,6:05,8:20,10:35,12:55

 Brothers (R) * 11:00,2:10,5:00,7:40,10:15,12:50

 Everybody (PG-13) * 9.40,12:15,2:50,5:20,8:00,10:30,1:00

 Ninja Assassin (R) 11:15,2:20,5:15,7:45,10:10,12:35

 Old Dogs (PG) 11:30,2:00,4:40,7:20,9:45,12:10

 The Blind Side (PG-13) 10:10,12:40,1:30,3:40,4:50,6:45,7:50,9:40,10:40,12:30

 Planet 51 (PG) 10:50,1:15,3:50,6:15,9:15,11:50

 Twillight: Moon (PG-13) 9:30,12:30,3:30,6:30,9:30,12:25

 2012 (PG-13) 10:30,12:50,2:30,4:45,6:10,8:10,9:55,11:40

 C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 11:10,1:45,4:15,6:40,9:00,1:30

 Precious: Novel (R) 10:20,1:40,4:30,7:15,10:05,12:40

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES) 1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago

(800) 326-3264 #1641

(800) 326-3264 #1646

- Invictus (PG-13) ★ 11:50,12:50,3:00,4:00,6:15,7:00,9:30,10:10 Me and Orson (PG-13) ★ 11:00,1:50,4:40,7:20,10:00
- Me and Orson (PG-13) ★ 11:00,1:50,4:40,7:20,10:00
 Up in the Air (R) ★ 11:51,1402,002,204,455,157,30,800,10:15,10:40
 Up in the Air (R) ★ 10:15,1:00,3:45,6:30,9:15
 Brothers (R) ★ 10:00,12:40,3:40,6:50,9:45
 Everybody (PG-13) ★ 10:40,1:10,3:50,6:20,9:00
 The Blind Side (PG-13) 10:20,1:15,4:15,7:15,10:20
 Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 10:30,1:30,4:30,7:40,10:30
 2012 (PG-13) 11:30,3:15,6:40,10:05

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES) E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.

- (800) 326-3264 #1646

 Invictus (PG-13) * 10:00,12:20,1:00,3:20,4:00,6:20,7:00,9:30,10:00

 Princess-Frog (G) * 9:45,11:10,12:10,1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:30,7:30,8:50,9:50

 Ammored (PG-13) * 10:40,11:40,1:20,2:20,3:40,4:50,6:10,7:10,9:00,9:40

 Everybody (PG-13) * 9:20 P.M.

 Ninja Assassin (R) 11:50,2:30,5:20,7:50,10:30

 Old Dogs (PG) 9:50,12:30,2:50,5:00,7:45,10:15

 The Blind Side (PG-13) 10:10,1:10,4:15,7:15,10:20

 Planet 51 (PG) 10:50,1:15,3:50,6:50

 Twillight: Moon (PG-13) 11:30,3:00,6:40,10:10

 2012 (PG-13) 11:30,3:00,6:40,10:10

 C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 11:20,2:00,4:20,6:45,9:10

- C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 11:20,2:00,4:20,6:45,9:10
 Precious: Novel (R) 11:00,1:50,4:40,7:20,9:55

Yes, Thursday, Feb. 18 (\$57.50-\$63, 17+) at House of Blues.

Secondhand Serenade, Todd

Carey, Thursday, Dec. 31

600 N. MICHIGAN (AMC)

600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 888-AMC-4FUN

Show times change daily & AMC Select - The best specialty films

- Invictus (PG-13) 10:20.1:20.4:45.7:50.10:50 Armored (PG-13) 10:40,1:05,3:15,5:30,8:15,10:45
 Brothers (R) 11:20,2:10,5:00,8:00,10:40
- Old Dogs (PG) 11:50,2:20,4:50,7:10,9:30 Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 11:45,3:45,7:00,10:15
- Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 1:15 P.M. The Blind Side (PG-13) 10:30,1:30,4:30,7:30,10:30 ■ Christmas Carol (PG) 10:50,1:35,4:00,6:30,9:00

AMC Select An Education (PG-13) 4:15.7:20.10:00

■ 2012 (PG-13) 11:00.2:30.6:15.9:45

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

- 2828 North Clark St., Chicago (773) 509-4949
- Fantastic Fox (PG) 11:30,2:00,4:50,7:15,9:30 ■ Bad Lieutenant (R) 11:10,1:55,4:40,7:25,10:10
 ■ A Serious Man (R) 11:25,2:00,4:45,7:30,10:05
- An Education (PG-13) 11:15 1:45 4:20 7:00 9:45
- Red Cliff (R) 1:35,5:00,8:30 ■ Coco Before (PG-13) 1:30,7:10
- New York (R) 11:00.4:10.9:50 ■ Breaking Point (R) 11:20,1:50,4:25,7:35,9:55

(800) 326-3264 #1642

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

- Princess-Frog (G) ★ 9:45,11:30,12:10,2:00,2:40,4:30,5:10,6:50
- Armored (PG=13) → 12:50 3:10 5:30 8:00 10:30 Armored (PG-13) * (Closed caption) 10:40,1:20,3:40,6:10,8:40,11:00 ■ Brothers (R) → 10:50.1:50.4:50.7:40.10:40
- Ninja Assasin (R) 10:00,12:30,2:50,5:20,7:50,10:15 The Blind Side (PG-13) 12:20,3:20,6:20,9:20

■ Precious: Novel (R) 11:50.2:20.5:00.8:15.10:50

■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 10:10,1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00 ■ Planet 51 (PG) 11:00,1:30,3:50,6:05,8:30,10:45 ■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 10:20,12:40,1:10,3:30,4:20,6:30,7:20,9:30,10:20 ■ 2012 (PG-13) 11:15,3:00,6:40,10:10 ■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 11:40,2:10,4:40,7:10,9:40

- **DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)** 4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago (773) 784-0893
- Invictus (PG-13) + 11:30 2:10 4:50 7:30 10:10
- Brothers (R) 12:30,2:50,5:10,7:30,9:50 Everybody (PG-13) 12:15,2:15,4:15,6:15,8:15,10:15
- Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 11:30,2:10,4:45,7:20,10:00

FORD CITY 14 (AMC) S. Cicero at 76th. Chicago

888-AMC-4FUN Show times change daily

- AMC Select The best specialty films ■ Princess-Frog (G) 10:30,11:30,1:00,2:00,3:20,4:30,5:45,7:00,
- Invictus (PG-13) 10:15,1:20,4:20,7:15,10:15 Armored (PG-13) 11:00,12:20,1:10,2:30,3:30,4:40,5:40,6:50,7:50,9:00,10:0
- Everybody (PG-13) 1:05,5:35,10:20
 Old Dogs (PG) 10:50,3:25,8:10
 Ninja Assassin (R) 10:10,12:30,2:50,5:10,7:30,9:50
- Planet 51 (PG) 10:00,12:15,2:25,4:50,7:05,9:15 Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 10:45,11:45,1:40,2:40,4:45,5:50,7:40,8:45,10:30 AMC Select Precious: Novel (B) 11:10.1:45.4:15.6:45.9:20

■ Christmas Carol (PG) 10:20.12:40.3:10.5:30.7:50.10:10

■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 10:40,1:30,4:25,7:20,10:05 ■ 2012 (PG-13) 11:40,3:00,6:15,9:40

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

- 312-846-2800
- Scarecrow (NR) 3:00 P.M. The General (NR) Antonio Gaudi (NR) 3:15,4:45,6:15,7:45 Never Weaken (NR) 4:45 P.M.
- Afterschool (NR) 8:00 P.M **LOGAN THEATRE** 2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
- (773) 252-0628 ■ Law Abiding (R) 2:05,4:10,6:20,8:30 ■ The Box (PG-13) 2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40
- Men Who Stare (R) 2:00,4:00,6:05,8:10 Christmas Carol (PG) 2:05,4:10,6:15,8:20

- **MUSIC BOX**
- (773) 871-6604
- Collapse (NR) 2:30,5:20,7:20,9:40

- 888-AMC-4FUN
- AMC Select The Road (B) 11:30 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:40.
- AMC Select The Messenger (R) 11:55,2:30,5:20,8:00,10:30
 AMC Select Good Hair (PG-13) 5:05,10:15

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC) 322 E. Illinois Street

- AMC Select The best specialty films ■ AMC Select Up in the Air (R) 10:30.11:30.12:30.1:30.2:30
- Princess-Frog (G) 10:00,12:40,3:20,6:00,8:40,11:20 Princess-Frog (G) 11:00,1:40,4:20,7:00,9:40 ■ Invictus (PG-13) 10:10,12:25,1:25,3:50,4:50,7:10,8:10,10:35,11:35 ■ Dave Matt (PG) 10:15,12:45,3:15,5:45,8:15,10:45 ■ Armored (PG-13) 10:05,12:20,2:45,5:10,6:10,7:25,8:25,9:50,10:50
- Brothers (R) 11:10,1:55,4:55,7:45,10:30 Everybody (PG-13) 11:15,2:05,4:40,7:20,10:05 Fantastic Fox (PG) 11:40,2:15,4:35,7:05,9:25,11:40
- Ninja Assassin (R) 10:45,1:15,4:05,6:45,9:20,11:50 Planet 51 (PG) 11:00,1:20,3:40 Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 11:25,12:25,2:35,3:35,5:40,6:50,8:50,10:00,11:45

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

- 4779 W. Cermak (800) 326-3264 #1644
- Invictus (PG-13) ★ 10:00,12:20,1:00,3:20,4:00,6:20,7:00,9:30,10:00
- | Invictus (PG-13) * 10:00,12:20,1:00,3:20,4:00,6:20,7:00,9:30,10:00 | Princess-Frog (G) * 9:45,11:10,12:10,1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:30,7:30,8:50,9:50 | Armorad (PG-13) * 10:40,1:140,1:20,2:20,3:40,4:50,6:10,7:10,9:00,9:40 | Everybody (PG-13) * 9:20 P.M. | Ninja Assassin (R) 11:50,2:30,5:20,7:50,10:30 | Old Dogs (PG) 9:50,12:30,2:50,5:00,7:45,10:15 | The Bilind Side (PG-13) 10:10,1:10,4:15,7:15,10:20 | Planet 51 (PG) 10:50,1:15,3:50,6:50 | Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 10:30,1:30,4:30,7:40,10:40 | 2012 (PG-13) 11:30,3:00,6:40,10:10 | C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 11:20,2:00,4:20,6:45,9:10 | Precious: Novel (R) 11:00,1:50,4:40,7:20,9:55

OAK PARK

- LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC) 1022 Lake Street
- 630-444-FILM #560
- 63U-444+ILIM #500U
 Princess-Frog (6) 12:00.2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00
 Everybody (PG-13) * 12:40,2:50,5:00,7:10,9:20
 Fantastic FOx (PG) 1:05,3:10,5:15,720,9:25
 Twillight: Moon (PG-13) 1:30,4:20,7:15,10:00
 The Blind Side (PG-13) 1:20,4:25,7:00,9:40
 2012 (PG-13) 1:20,0:3:15,6:30,9:45
 C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 12:10,2:25,4:40,6:55,9:10
 It's-Wonderful (NR) 10:00 A.M.
- **EVANSTON**
- **CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)** 1715 MAPLE AVE
- (847)492-0123 &

- (847)492-0123 &
 Christmas Carol (PG) ★ 3:50,9:50
 Invictus (PG-13) ★ 11:40,12:50,2:40,4:05,5:40,7:10,8:40,10:10
 The Blind Stide (PG-13) ★ \$2:35,8:35
 Princess-Frog (G) ★ 11:50,2:10,450,7:15,9:40
 Up in the Air (R) ★ 11:35,12:0,2:15,4:00,4:55,6:40,7:35,9:20,10:15
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 Group (PG-13) ★ 12:10,2:30,5:10,7:30,9:45
 Brothers (R) ★ 11:30,2:05,4:40,7:20,9:55
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 The Road (R) 1:1:45,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:25
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 Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 1:135,12:45,2:45,5:45,6:50,8:50
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SHE SAID, HE SAID

By Greg Kot CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Three weeks ago, Rihanna delivered a brilliant album, "Rated R," that doubled as a thinly veiled, emotionally turbulent reflection on her ill-fated romance with Chris Brown. Now it's Brown's turn.

The 20-year-old singer's third album, "Graffiti," arrives only

months after he pleaded guilty to assaulting Rihanna and was sentenced to five years probation, one year of counseling and six months of community service.

Graffiti

Chris Brown

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Like Rihanna, Brown aims to expand his music beyond hip-hop-flavored R&B by embracing Euro-disco, Goth-rock and new wave. And like Rihanna, he addresses their relationship. But whereas his ex-girlfriend used her album to express her hurt and anger, an outpouring of emotional truth rather than a he-said, she-said public-relations manifesto, Brown turns "Graffiti" into a curious mix of self-pity and accusation when he isn't simply partying as if he's already moved on.

The inconsistent and sometimes contradictory tone of Brown's album suggests he jumped back too soon after committing a serious crime and bearing the brunt of a public-relations nightmare. He and his handlers should have known that every move he makes will be judged against his real-life actions, and anything he says—short of a contrite apology—will be viewed with extreme skepticism. He would've been better off staying silent, or avoiding the topic altogether on an album that includes several top-notch pieces of innocuous dance music.

The public rehabilitation campaign might be easier to swallow if Brown weren't trying to sell his latest album on the back of it. But he is, and now that album must be heard in the context of a celebrity asking something of his fans—but what, exactly? Forgiveness? Forgetfulness? Pity? A fresh start? Or perhaps just a deeper understanding of the complex human being that is Chris Brown?



LOVE IT



DVD AND BLU-RAY Taking Woodstock

Available Tuesday

As Ang Lee's coming-ofage comedy set during 1969 opens, Elliot (Demetri

Martin) is living with his elderly parents at their Catskills El Monaco Motel, which is on the brink of a bank takeover. When the quiet, dutiful Elliot hears that a three-day music festival has had its permit denied by a nearby town, he contacts the promoter and makes the introduction to a farmer whose green, hilly property is deemed ideal for the event. Even at its most uneven and unprepossessing, this quirky, selfeffacing little comedy takes its place in Lee's American oeuvre with quiet ease. THE WASHINGTON POST

LIKEIT

VIDEO GAME The Legend of **Zelda: Spirit Tracks**

Nintendo DS

The cuteness factor may fool you into thinking "Spirit Tracks" is kids stuff, but be warned: It features some of the most ornery puzzles in the history of the "Zelda" franchise. After all these years, Nintendo still has some fresh tricks up its sleeve. "Spirit Tracks" isn't one of those landmark "Zelda" games, but it is a worthy addition to the canon. LOU KESTEN, AP

The Jacksons: **A Family Dynasty**

8 p.m. Sunday, A&E

My first reaction to this reality series was that Michael Jackson's brothers were cashing in on his death. We're told this project began filming while he was alive, when the family decided to do an album celebrating the Jackson 5's 40th anniversary. But Michael doesn't appear in any scenes, so ... ? What we do get is his bickering brothers-Jermaine, Tito, Marlon and Jackie—who let their sibling rivalries get in the way of their reunion. You can see why Michael became the family's superstar. curt wagner, redeye

DVD AND BLU-RAY Julie & Julia

Available now

Two movies battle for pride of place in Nora Ephron's adaptation of memoirs by Julie Powell and Julia Child. Either way, Powell's whiny, sad-sack self-absorption is no match for Child's spirit and strength of character, a fact made painfully clear in a movie that soars whenever Child (Meryl Streep) is on the screen and sags when Powell (Amy Adams) shows up. Ephron strenuously tries to draw parallels between her protagonists' struggles, but it's no USE. THE WASHINGTON POST

ALBUM Shock Value II

Timbaland

Timbaland's success as a producer and songwriter has landed his once-unusual style of hip-hop square in the mainstream. "Shock Value II" feels mass-produced, from the name to the way pal Justin Timberlake uses fastfood ordering as a come-on in "Carry Out" and the dreary rock-tinged pop served by One Republic ("Marching On"). Only on "If We Ever Meet Again," with Katy Perry, and the playful "Morning After Dark" and "We Belong to Music," with Miley Cyrus, do we get flashes of the man who once seemed unstoppable. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

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SALES CHECK

THIS WEEKEND'S BEST SALES AND EVENTS

Art Effect

934 W. Armitage Ave.; 773-929-3600 shoparteffect.com

The store offers online shopping incentives through Dec. 24. Spend \$75 online and get free shipping. Spend \$150 online and pick up your order from the shop to receive a \$20 gift card that's valid through Jan. 31.

WomanCraft

4115 W. Ogden Ave.; 773-521-3414; womancraft.net

Saturday's open house and studio sale features handmade stationery, picture frames, jewelry and more.

Wolfbait & B-Girls

3131 W. Logan Blvd.; 312-698-8685 wolfbaitchicago.com

The shop holds a Squasht by Les trunk show with hats, clothes, headbands, handbags and mimosas on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also, through Thursday, mention "mistletoe" at checkout to receive 20 percent off one non-sale item, except fine art.

Wow & Zen

1912 N. Damen Ave.: 773-269-2600 wowandzen.com

Take 20 percent off any custom-made item throughout December.

Handmade Market

Empty Bottle 1035 N. Western Ave.; handmadechicago.com

Find work from 33 vendors from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Nicholas Joseph Custom Tailors

21 W. Elm St.; 654 W. Diversey Pkwy.; 70 W. Madison St.; 1351 S. Michigan Ave.; 312-895-1577 customsuitsyou.com

Buy one silk tie or pocket square and get one free through Tuesday.



Neck brace

Robert Lee Morris for Elizabeth and James Onyx Snake Cameo Pendant, \$195 at Bloomingdale's

The fashion-forward look of the Olsen twins comes through in this necklace from their Elizabeth and James line's collaboration with Robert Lee Morris.



Game time

Snakes and Ladders Game, \$28 at Target

Games are for grown ups too! This play on Chutes on Ladders has a natural wood finish.



Serve appetizers to your guests on these snake print plates.

Fashion bites

hot stuff

Slithering snakes have been making quite the fashion statement as of late. With the right pieces, they don't have to

> be creepy. Keep them fashionable and quirky for the right look. Joanna Gustafson is a redeve special contributor.

Slither-RING

KARA by Kara Ross Gold and Turquoise Snake Ring, \$155 at vivre.com

This ring is amplified with a snake crawling across the top, and the odd shape is unique too.



Charming Dereon Snake Flex Bracelet, \$68

at maxand

chloe.com Snakes wrapped around your wrist will jazz up a basic

sweater.



Ralph Lauren Valenty Serpent **Embroidered** Turtleneck, \$149 at Macy's



Choo you

Jimmy Choo JJ Sunglasses, \$295 at Saks Fifth Avenue

Though pricey, these Jimmy Choo sunglasses are unique and unlike any others in your closet.

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INVICTUS

'Invictus' trips over intentions

Shortly after becoming a free man, Nelson Mandela (Morgan Freeman) becomes president of South Africa. He determines the nation, still reeling after the fall of apartheid, doesn't need solutions to housing, food or crime problems but a rugby World Cup victory. That's where team captain Francois Pienaar (Matt Damon, not really reflecting the weight on his shoulders) comes in.

The buzz: Another year-end Oscar contender from director Clint Eastwood, working from a script by Anthony Peckham adapted from John Carlin's book "Playing the Enemy." We'll see if "Invictus" can capture sport as more than a game, with a more sophisticated view of race relations than "Gran Torino"—which at least was surprisingly funny.

The verdict: Freeman effectively embodies Mandela's warmth and the idea that to lead you must unite and respect all constituents. The superficial "Invictus" is meant to rouse, but remains disconnected from the people it's supposedly rousing. There's no sense of what life is like for South Africans or why they get past racially charged disputes about the team, unless, it seems, Mandela knew he had a country of fair-weather fans. As a sports movie, "Invictus" is unconvincing. As uplifting history, it's incomplete.

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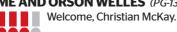


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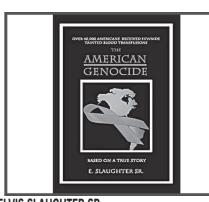
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Is Obama another Mr. Spock?

Associated Press

WASHINGTON He shows a fascination with science, an all-too deliberate decision-making demeanor, an adherence to logic and some pretty, ahem, prominent ears.

They all add up to a quite logical conclusion, at least for Star Trek fans: Barack Obama is Washington's Mr. Spock, the chief science officer for the ship of state.

"I guess it's somewhat unusual for a politician to be so precise, logical, in his thought process," actor Leonard Nimoy, who has portrayed Spock for more than 40 years, told The Associated Press in an e-mail interview. "The comparison to Spock is, in my opinion, a compliment to him and to the character."

Obama was a lawyer, organizer and author before he turned politician. So his interest in science wasn't as obvious until he reached the White House. Now, privately he's known to relish the ability to call smart people, especially scientists, to come to the White House to talk about their fields. The more obscure and complicated the field, the better to feed the inner

Out in public, Obama turns the Bunsen burner up a notch, playing a combination of high school science teacher and math team cheerleader. Last week, for example, the president announced



that the White House would hold an annual science fair as part of a \$260 million private push to improve math and science education.

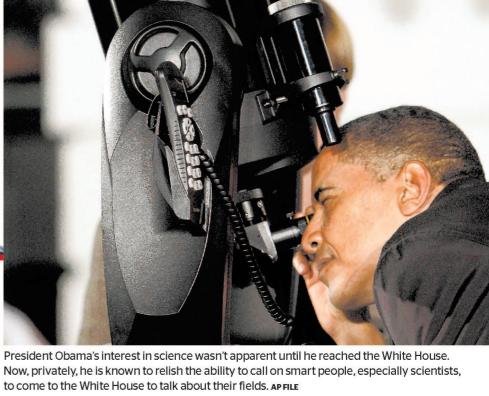
"We're going to show young people how cool science can be," Obama said. "Scientists and engineers ought to stand side by side with athletes and entertainers as role models."

That was just the latest in a science-heavy fall semester at what sometimes seems to double as the White House Institute of Technology.

In October, Obama gave medals to a dozen scientists, toured a lab at the bastion of scienceand-technology, MIT, and visited a solar energy manufacturing plant in Florida.

"I keep being amazed at how much attention he's spending on science policy," said science policy and journalism blogger Chris Mooney, author of the book "Unscientific America: How Scientific Illiteracy Threatens Our Future."

"The nerds are happy," Mooney said. "They



like Spock."

While some science policy experts don't quite see the similarities between the president and the fictional Vulcan from television and movies, Star Trek experts do.

Nimoy said he ran into Obama during the 2008 presidential campaign in an L.A. hotel: "When he arrived and saw me he said, 'They told me you were here.' And gave me the split fingered Vulcan sign."

Roberto Orci, the screenwriter and producer

behind the latest Star Trek movie, said Obama "has a Spock-like aura about him: calm in the face of great adversity and looking for a logical middle ground." Obama, himself a big Star Trek fan, screened the movie at the White House during its opening weekend.

Rep. Vern Ehlers, a Michigan Republican who's also a physicist, said he's noticed the special science and technology affinity from the president. Obama, he said, needs just one more thing: "A sort of science club in the White House."

King of Pop rules 2009's top Web searches

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Michael Jackson's stunning death made him the Internet's biggest star this

The quest to find out what happened to Jackson in his final hours June 25 and celebrate his legacy elevated the late entertainer to the top of the Internet's search charts for 2009. On Yahoo, it ended singer Britney Spears' four-year

The annual lists released last week were compiled separately by Google Inc. and Yahoo Inc., which combined handle two-thirds of the world's Internet searches.



Jackson

Jackson also grabbed the top spot on the third-largest U.S. search engine, Microsoft Corp.'s Bing, which announced its rankings Sunday. AOL, which relies on Google's search technology, also had Jackson at No. 1.

The lists are meant to provide a reading on our cultural pulse.

As usual, people using Yahoo's search engine in 2009 seemed to be most interested in celebrities and other diversions, even against the sobering backdrop of the worst recession in

Google's audience seemed more interested in using the Internet to connect with friends and family.

Facebook and Tuenti, a similar socializing site in Spain, both made Google's Top 10, as did Twitter. Microsoft's latest Windows operating system also grabbed a spot. Singer Lady Gaga was the only other celebrity besides Jackson on Google's Top 10.

Google, which processes more than six times the search volume that Yahoo does, has had a more diverse mix in its annual search rankings. The self-proclaimed King of Pop follows former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin (2008) and Apple Inc.'s iPhone (2007) in Google's top spot.

Besides Jackson, the other new entrants on Yahoo's Top 10 list this year were: No. 2, "Twilight"; No. 4, Megan Fox; No. 8, Kim Kardashian; and No. 9, NASCAR.

Ask.com, another major search engine, focused its list on the most popular questions posed on its search engine. "How do I get out of debt?" was the second-ranking question of

No. 1? "How much should I weigh?"

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Woods
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BIG-TICKET STARS

By Ryan Smith

Tiger Woods has bigger problems than the \$164 careless driving citation he was issued by the Florida Highway Patrol, but he can take at least some small satisfaction in the news that Minnesota Vikings stars Adrian Peterson and Bernard Berrian both were nabbed recently for driving in excess of **Peterson** 100 mph. They joined Woods in an everexpanding group of athletes driving delinquently. Here are a handful other noteworthy cases.





Berrian

Shaquille O'Neal Cleveland Cavaliers center

Ticketed For: Impeding traffic Fine: Not Reported Remember the TV show "Shaq Vs."? Well, in August, the big man faced the LAPD in real life and lost. He was slapped with a ticket in Hollywood for stopping his Ford F-350 pickup in the middle of a Hollywood street shortly before 2 a.m. to chat with some people, according to an Associated Press report. Looks like Shaq clogs the lane on and off the court.



Danica Patrick

Race car driver

Ticketed for: Speeding Fine: \$196

Patrick apparently doesn't like to take her legendary lead foot off the gas pedal. She collected a speeding ticket in Scottsdale, Ariz., in December 2008 for driving 54 mph in a 35 mph zone—a year after attending traffic school on a court order for getting another in a string of speeding tickets, the AP reported.



Lance Briggs Bears linebacker

Ticketed for: Leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident

Fine: \$485 and 120 hours of community service The tough quy's ability to stop large objects moving at high speed transferred to the road when he wrecked his expensive Lamborghini on Chicago's Edens Expressway early one morning in August 2007. Briggs fled the scene, according to Chicago Tribune reports, and added to the confusion when he initially told police that someone stole his car before calling back to confess what really happened. D'oh!



LeBron James

Cleveland Cavaliers guard

Ticketed for: Speeding Fine: \$259

How charmed is the life of the man called "King"? Even after he was handed a \$259 citation in December 2007 for cruising an Ohio freeway at 101 mph. James landed an endorsement deal with insurer State Farm, according to cleveland.com. Isn't that sort of like Bernie Madoff doing TV commercials for Charles Schwab?

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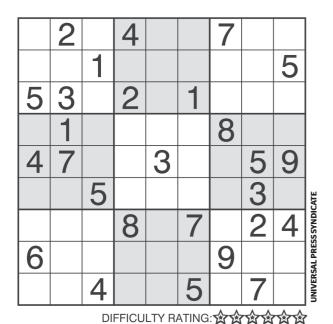
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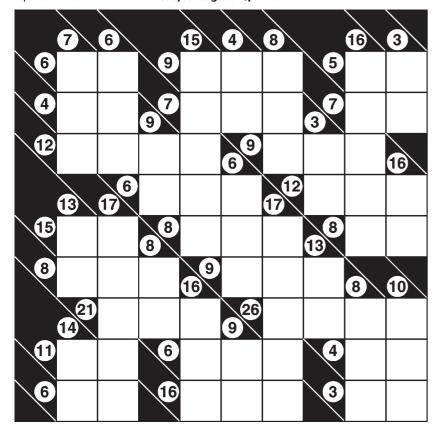
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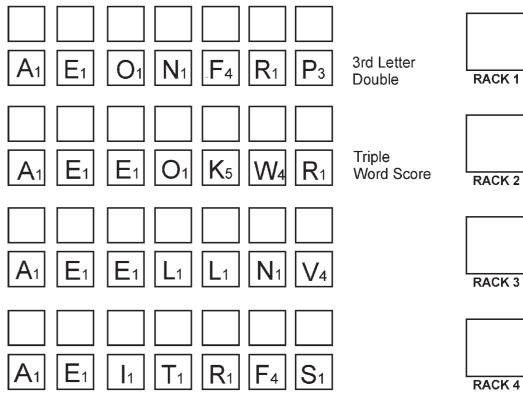
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Enter a number between 1 and 9 in the empty squares. The clues are the numbers in the white circles that give the sum of the solution numbers: above the line are across clues; below the line are down clues. Thus, a clue of 3 will produce a solution of 2 and 1, and a 5 will produce 4 and 1, or 2 and 3, but, of course, which squares they go in will depend on the solution of a clue in the other direction. No digit can be repeated in a solution. Answer at redeyechicago.com/puzzles.



Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7letter words get a 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, 3rd Edition. Find the answer at redeyechicago.com/puzzles.



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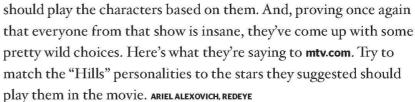
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LA LA and Who's in the film adaptation of Lauren Conrad's novel? Let's speculate

It's not a "Hills" movie, but it's the next-worst thing. Lauren Conrad's novel, "L.A. Candy," about a young, female reality star coping with the paparazzi and back-stabbing friends, is set to be adapted to the big screen. Since the plot pretty much reflects L.C.'s real-life shenanigans, her old "Hills" co-stars are lining up to suggest who

pretty wild choices. Here's what they're saying to mtv.com. Try to match the "Hills" personalities to the stars they suggested should







Lo Bosworth A potted plant Used only for background filler.



Whitney Port Uma Thurman Gawky but likeable.



Heidi Montag Paris Hilton That's (so not) hot.

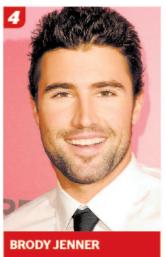


Spencer Pratt Dane Cook We're already shuddering.













"He's one of my favorites, even though he's way better looking."



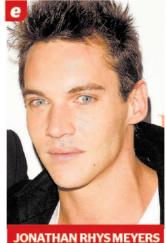
"Lo has taken a couple of acting classes in her life.'



"I would probably say Queen Latifah. I love her. I really love her. Someone more in my age ... does that mean Christina Applegate is too old to play me too? OK, Ashley Tisdale."



"That's who I would want to play in a movie. So if she could do that for me, that would be

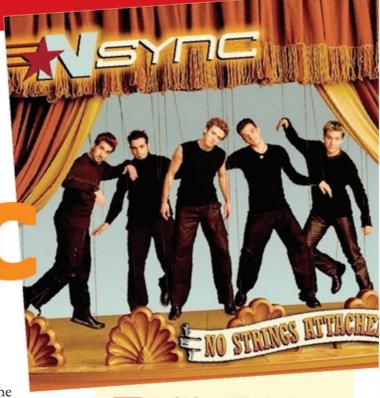


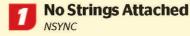
"That could be a really good crossover role for him. ... Or if, like. Anne Hathaway was on, like. a downward spiral, she could come back for a second round. I like Cher. I think we should just go with Cher-Jonathan Rhys Meyers or Cher."

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redhot Basic

As we say "Bye Bye" to this decade, look at which band had the No. 1 album of the 'oos. NSync's 2000 record "No Strings Attached" topped the list, according to billboard.com. (Mariah Carey's "We Belong Together" was the top song of the decade.) Here is a look at the rest of the Top 6 albums—Top 6 so we could include Brit, of course—from the past 10 years.







Confessions **USHER**



The Eminem Show **EMINEM**



Come Away With Me **NORAH JONES**



Human Clay CREED



Oops! ... I Did It Again **BRITNEY SPEARS**



"South Africa had the greatest political leader in the world in our lifetime. Period."

-Matt Damon (left), who plays South African rugby team captain Francois Pienaar in the film "Invictus," of Nelson Mandela (right), according to foxnews.com



Touchy feely

Romance-or something-must be in the air, because there's been some PDA going around. First up, Bradgelina. Even chatting up Muhammad Ali at the UNICEF Ball on Thursday night couldn't keep Angelina Jolie from running her fingers through Brad Pitt's hair (above) and gazing at him, according to usmagazine.com. And Miley Cyrus, rumored to be dating Liam Hemsworth, was photographed kissing him in the middle of the Champs-Elysees while in Paris on Thursday, Us says. Get a room, people.

'Flight' canceled

"The Flight of the Conchords" has been grounded. The creators of the musical HBO comedy series-Bret McKenzie, Jemaine Clement and James Bobin-made the announcement on their Web site, according to hollywoodreporter. com. "We're very proud of the two seasons we made, and we like the way the show ended,' they wrote.

HOT DIGIT

Number of years Elite modeling agency has been in Chicago. The agency announced Thursday it is converting its women's division into a fashion boutique agency called Factor Women.

Mommy next door

Former "Girls Next Door" star Kendra Wilkinson and her NFL star husband, Hank Baskett,

> welcomed a son early Friday, according to cnn.com. The boy's name: Hank Randall Baskett IV. In other baby news, Michelle Duggar delivered a baby girl through an emergency C-section on Thursday

evening, people.com reported. That's baby No. 19 for the star of the TLC reality show "18 Kids and Counting." Both mother and daughter were in stable condition Friday, the site said.

